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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF NAMIBIAN PACKAGE TO NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT

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1. LAGOS CONTACT GROUP DELIVERED NAMIBIAN PACKAGE THIS AFTERNOON TO GARBA AND AKADIRI AT DODAN BARRACKS. GARBA HAD INITIALLY TOLD ME THAT OBASANJO WOULD BE WITH HIM FOR THE PRESENTATION. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

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2. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FALLE MADE THE INITIAL PRESENTATION ON CONTACT GROUP BEHALF. AS IT WAS EVIDENT THAT NEITHER GARBA NOR AKADIRI WAS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSAL, FALLE FOCUSED HIS PRESENTATION ON THE PRINCIPAL REMAINING POINTS AT ISSUE BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE SAG. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CITED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE GENERAL, THE LOCATION AND THE SIZE OF THE RESIDUAL

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, THE SIZE OF THE UN FORCES, WALVIS BAY, AND THE CONTROL OF THE NAMIBIAN/ANGOLAN FRONTIER AREA.

3. GARBA'S ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT REGARDING THESE PARTICULAR ISSUES WAS THAT HE AGREED THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR POST-INDEPENDENCE DISCUSSION. HE SAID THE FMG WOULD LEAN ON SWAPO IN THIS DIRECTION. HE THANKED US FOR OUR PRESENTATION, PROMISED A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE PROPOSAL, AND SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE "WORLD COMMUNITY" WOULD ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE CONCEPT OF AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEW NAMIBIA.

4. IN A MEETING WITH GARBA AND AKADIRI EARLIER IN THE DAY, ANDY YOUNG OUTLINED THE MAJOR POINTS HE HAD MADE TO NUJOMA AND SWAPO OFFICIALS FIVE DAYS AGO IN LUSAKA. GARBA WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN NUJOMA'S QUESTION WHETHER THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN THE EVENT THE SAG DID NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL. YOUNG SAID WE WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUCH AN INTENTION. THE POLICY ISSUE ITSELF WAS UNDER ACTIVE CURRENT EXAMINATION.
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